VERMONT Workforce Development Council Executive Committee

Monday April 14, 2008

NOTES

- 1) Act 46 implementation and priorities for next year Pat explained the concept of Projects (shorter term, one time training for new or incumbent workers) vs. Programs (longer term system and capacity building efforts that span funding years and/or address long term needs of a sector of the economy). These definitions have implications for administration of the funds. Decisions about Programs would have to be based on establishing a working relationship over a period of time with the recipients as opposed to a the competitive grant process that is traditionally used for Projects. It was tentatively agreed to mark 50% of the WETF training funds for Projects and 50% for programs. Also discussed was the breakout of funds between training and internships. It was agreed to set aside about 30% of the WETF funds for internships for '09.
- 2) Date for the next full Council meeting It was agreed to hold Spring meeting of the full WDC on June 12 at a location TBA. It was decided to hold the meeting from 9:00 to 12:00 and to offer a grant writing workshop by VDoL at 1:00 in the same location. VTP will be offered an opportunity to also offer a workshop.

The meeting agenda was outlined as follows:

- 1) Review of '08 Next Generation Annual Report
- 2) Update on the work of the Leadership Committee
- 3) Continuation of the Sector discussion from the January meeting
- 4) Next Generation priorities for next year

3) Report on the work of the Leadership Committee - Pat provided an update on the leadership committee. Four overarching goals have been identified. Each member, and particularly the public members have been asked to identify available measures that relate to each of the goals. This is scheduled to occur at the may meeting. Input from the Executive Committee is welcome at any time.

| 1. Expand the skill set of the Vermont Workforce |
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| 2. Vermont businesses are more successful because of the quality of the |
| Vermont workforce. |
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| 3. The education, preparation, and work-readiness of VT workers will prepare |
| them to compete for high (er) wage jobs. |
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| 4. Increase the quality & capacity of workforce ed. & training opportunities. |
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4) Discussion of the green sector and training needs - There was considerable discussion of the green sector and how to define it. ISO 4001 is revising its criteria for green practices in workplaces that may or may not be in the green sector. This may provide some useful guidance. Dan Smith's memo was reviewed. Workforce issues relate in somewhat to items a), b), and c). One comment was that like IT, Green cuts across all the other sectors. It was suggested that all WETF applicants be asked to consider how a green training component could be incorporated into their projects. This would be a non-scored item, simply to create awareness. Language for this could be found from Efficiency Vermont. Jerry agreed to provide access for the Executive Committee members to the VCQ Green Self-Assessment so they can try it out.